

City of Camas

Parks and Recreation Commission

2020 Annual Report

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On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission members, we are pleased to submit the Commission's annual report of activities and goals pursuant to chapter 2.28.060 of the City Municipal Code. The Commission's role includes reviewing applications for park development, fee and rental schedules, providing input on park master plans, recommending signage and rule changes, reviewing budgets, listening to complaints and/or mediating disputes on matters relating to park and recreational programs.

The following is a list of project updates and our major accomplishments for 2019 and our Goals/Work Plan for 2020.

Project Updates and Accomplishments in Parks and Recreation (2019)

Parks and Recreation Growth Assessment Study (PRGA)	Original Goal: Funding for long term maintenance and operations of parks, trails and facilities Status: Committee studied the feasibility of creating a Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) Program suspended Council
Community/Aquatics Center	Status: Joint committee work suspended
Forest Home Park (ADA upgrades)	New swings, single rider spin apparatus, larger merry-go-round (paved trail to play areas- spring of 2020)
Cross Boundary service Agreement (Vancouver/Camas)	Completed
Legacy Lands Acquisition and Planning	The City has acquired approximately 141 acres. The project represents a significant forward-looking investment in the future of parks and open spaces in Camas and the realization of a long-standing community vision. Planning access and development for these properties is ongoing alongside infrastructure improvements. An assessment of the historic Ledbetter house is underway to evaluate the potential for future uses.
Design Review (Lacamas Lake trailhead/ Baz Park)	Completed
Ivy League	On-going 2019- 640 volunteer hours Ivy removed from 2051 trees
Boy Scout (Eagle Projects)	Completed: Fallen Leaf Lake Sign Heritage Lake Life Jacket Station Heritage trail upgrades?
Skateboard Park	Fundraising and design on-going.
Subdivision Trail Assessments	No reviews in 2019.

Downtown Sub-Area Planning	Suspended in favor of North Shore Subarea Plan
Capital improvement Plan (Community Center upgrades)	Upgrades Budgeted for 2020. Final report to be submitted to City Council for implementation.

Parks and Recreation Commission Goals for 2020

Parks & Recreation Growth Assessment Study	Status unknown Is there still a need to study the feasibility of creating a Metropolitan Parks District? What are the funding goals?
Building and Funding a New Community/Aquatics Facility <i>"Keeping the Vision Alive"</i>	?
Mill site visioning and redevelopment	Is this a Parks issue or a downtown/economic development/community visioning issue?
Legacy Lands Acquisition and Planning	Building on the momentum of the acquisitions and planning, the City has an opportunity to continue to implement this exciting vision. The Commission, anticipating a call from the public for access to these lands, would like to engage in conversations about interim access, parking, timelines for neighboring development and the appropriate uses and protections for these sites.
The Ivy League Program	On-going support for program
Heritage Park Vehicle Parking & Management	With city direction to eliminate parking on roadway shoulder and increase enforcement, is there still park related work to do?
Crown Park improvements	City has budgeted for restrooms and sports court. Is the water feature still an issue to be addressed by the Commission? Should this issue be delayed pending further action on a pool study?

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update	In order to remain eligible for State and Federal grant funding, the City will begin a substantial update of the PROS plan in 2020. The Commission would like representation in the selection and planning committees as well as updates on the progress of the plan.
New Council relationship and expectations	Process not defined
Fallen leaf Lake (Toxic Algae bloom)	Is there a role for the parks commission?
Baz Park	Consider adding some amenities like a picnic table, new sign and clearing vegetation
Scout Projects	Ongoing: (Identify needed future projects for Scouts)
Skatepark	On-going support as needed until fundraising, grants and construction plans are approved
Dog Park	Review and identify siting options
Community Center Upgrades	Project budgeted and scheduled for 2020. Is there any further action required by Commission?

Additional areas interest: (Issues that do not have a specific goal or action plan for the current year)

- Camas Cemetery
- Naming rights for parks, trails or facilities
- Sports Fields
- Park speed limit and safety zones
- Mill Ditch trail improvements
- Communications
- Community Gardening
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Park Assignments – Advocate, track the condition, discuss with the community

Benton Park – Cassi

Fallen Leaf Lake Park – Cassi

Cooper's View – Katy

Dorothy Fox Park – Katy

Crown Park – Steve

Prune Hill Sports Park – Steve

Grass Valley Park – Dave

Heritage Park – Randy

Green Mountain Park – Dave

Louis Bloch Park –

Oak Park –

Goot Park –

Skate Park –

Washougal River Greenway

Forest Home Park

Klickitat Park –